

Fw: SUPPER FUND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Sabrina Forrest to: Daniel Heffernan, Jennifer Lane

10/03/2011 04:10 PM

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To: Daniel Heffernan/R8/USEPA/US, Jennifer Lane/R8/USEPA/US

Draft response for your review. I understand this should get routed through Steve Tuber, Jack Hiding, you/Ostrander?, Martin Hestmark prior to going to the RA.



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Sincerely,

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Date: 09/20/2011 02:04 PM

Subject: Fw: SUPPER FUND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Hi Sabrina,

It appears we are supposed to take the lead on this letter. Do you want to start this and I could pick it up when I return to the office Monday? Also, Sonya is wondering if perhaps I could call in as a conference call to the briefing with Carol Thursday?

If so, do you want to email me at my personal: lane.jennifer@comcast.net????

Also, any TA's for October need to be done by Thursday and I'm sad we didn't get to discuss this since I won't be in rest of week. I'll do one for Silverton based on leaving Wed. the 19th and returning Friday the 21st and hope this will be sufficient should we attend. Not sure whether can be amended.

Jennifer

Jennifer H. Lane

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Date: 09/15/2011 02:46 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: SUPPER FUND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Sonya and Sandy - Since we received an email letter from a State Representative I believe we will need to put together a formal response. Sandy can you start that process and work with Sabrina and Jennifer Lane when they return to the office? thanks

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-----Sabrina Forrest/R8/USEPA/US wrote: -----

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Our data show there are elevated concentrations coming from those sources that are more significant can lesser mined drainages' samples, or drainages that have recently had reclamation work, and our background samples. Visually, one can see they are uncontrolled releases. That being said, this is a common theme in our talks this week and our messaging and facts to support the message will need to be worked on in order for us to move forward.

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Date: 09/14/2011 10:04AM

Cc: Fells.Sandy@epa.gov, forrest.sabrina@epa.gov, heffernan.daniel@epa., heffernan.daniel@epa.gov, nabors.barbora@state.co.us

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Date: 09/12/2011 06:27AM
Cc: Jack and Barbara Clark <J12b06@aol.com>
Subject: Fw: SUPPER FUND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Dear Ms. Lane, Silverton is in my House District and I agree with the letter below. Please keep me in the loop on what is happening. I want clean water as much as anyone. What kind of baseline data do we have? I am aware of some people in Silverton that want to start mining. They know what they are doing and will not make the mistakes of miners in the past. Can we use private enterprise to help clean up past mistakes and also produce minerals that will benefit our country especially considering our country's economic status? Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, J.Paul Brown

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Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2011 5:44 PM

Subject: SUPPER FUND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Dear Ms. Lane:

I am witting to strongly oppose a supper fund site being created in San Juan County Colorado, to try and change the cement & mineral creek ph, and eliminate the heavy metals contained in these creeks. First of all, you would spend an enormous amount of tax payers money on such a program, and still not improve the water quality. These creeks were contaminated way before any mining operations began way back in the eighteen hundreds.....This area is located in the mineral belt, and all the money in the world would not clean up these water-ways to suit your expectations. Second, what we need here in San Juan County is for the mining industry to return so that we can bring back the good paying jobs our Town & County so desperately need....Once this area is designated as a supper-fund site, there would never be any chance for mining to return here. President Obama himself has urged American Companies to create more jobs, so why won't your organization urge mining companies to re-locate here and open things up, and the mining companies would treat the water again as they did in the past, and you guys could rest easy again. All the while we actually would have a Town & County with an industry that provides necessary minerals for manufacturing products right here in America...This County can not continue to survive on a tourism industry alone, after all you can only sell so many useless items to tourists. and then we have to try and survive for another nine months without our mines to provide good year around jobs....Any work a supper fund site would provide would only be temporary, and since it would be Federal Dollars spent on the project, everyone here in the County, would be competing with companies from all over the country for some short sided jobs...Think out of the box for a while, and convince mining companies to come back and take charge of the water clean-up you want, and stop placing such a heavy burden on tax payers to fund everything the EPA is doing. In case you haven't noticed, we are in a financial crisis in this country, and all these clean-up programs that make a few individuals feel like they actually have accomplished something will cease to be funded, unless you get private industry involved.....After all where does the Federal Government get it's money??? From hard working Americans & American Companies providing jobs, and paying taxe's...Please think about this and be the first to actually provide a long term solution, instead of a feel good, short term, expensive, non producing band-aid.....

Sincerely:

Jack Clark Jr.
San Juan County, Colorado